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PUBLICATION:

WORKING PROCEDURES FOR THE AD HOC GROUP ON CERTIFICATION/
COMPLIANCE TEST PROCEDURES OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON VEHICLE
CONSTRUCTION (WP 29) PROPOSAL OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION

1. IN RESPONSE TO THE ACTION OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS AT ITS
FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION (TRANS/SCI/WP29/14), THE UNITED STATES
HAS PREPARED THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING THE ACTI-
VITIES OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON CERTIFICATION/COMPLIANCE TEST
PROCEDURES.

2. IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP
BE ORGANIZATIONAL IN NATURE, LOOKING TOWARD AGREEMENT ON PRO-
CEDURES. SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING

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INCLUDE:

- - A. ESTABLISHMENT OF A FORMAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE
- - AD HOC GROUP AND ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN.

- B. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATES AND RELATED
- - AGENDA ITEMS.

- C. ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITIES OF DISCUSSION OF
- - SPECIFIC REGULATIONS/STANDARDS.

- D. INITIAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE HARMONIZATION OF VOCAB-
- ULARY AND DEFINITIONS RELATED TO TEST PROCEDURES,
- INSTRUMENTATION, CALIBRATION, AND DATA COLLECTION.

3. IN TRANS/SCI/WP29/R.67 THE U.S. SUGGESTED FOUR RELATIONSHIPS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN ECE AND U.S. REGULATIONS:

- A. NONEXISTENCE OF COMPARABLE REGULATIONS.

- B. EXISTENCE OF COMPARABLE REGULATIONS, BUT WITH
- WIDELY DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS AND TEST CONDITIONS.

- C. EXISTENCE OF COMPARABLE REGULATIONS WHICH HAVE
- SIMILAR OR IDENTICAL REQUIREMENTS BUT DIFFERENT
- TEST CONDITIONS.

- D. EXISTENCE OF COMPARABLE REGULATIONS WHICH HAVE
- SIMILAR OR IDENTICAL REQUIREMENTS AND TEST CON-
- DITIONS.

IT APPEARS THAT THE INITIAL STEP IN SETTING PRIORITIES FOR AD HOC GROUP DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE TO SORT THE REGULATIONS INTO THE ABOVE FOUR CATEGORIES. COMPARABLE REGULATIONS WITH SIMILAR OR IDENTICAL REQUIREMENTS AND TEST CONDITIONS, I.E., CATEGORY D. ABOVE, SHOULD BE AMONG THE FIRST REGULATIONS CONSIDERED BY THE GROUP. ATTENTION SHOULD PERHAPS BE LIMITED AT THE BEGINNING TO THOSE REGULATIONS WHICH ARE OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO THE MAJORITY OF THE GROUP'S MEMBERS, WITH DISCUSSION ORIENTED TOWARD ACHIEVING INTERNATIONAL TEST PROCEDURE STANDARDIZATION IN

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THOSE CASES. A PARTICULAR CANDIDATE FOR SUCH EARLY TREATMENT MIGHT BE REGULATION 22, PROTECTIVE HELMETS, WHICH IS VERY SIMILAR TO FMVSS NO. 218. THE VARIANCES BETWEEN THE REGULATION AND STANDARD REQUIREMENTS ARE PRIMARILY IN THE TECHNICAL AREA. THE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE LESS THAN 4 YEARS. THE NEWNESS OF THE REGULATION/STANDARD AND THE SMALL NUMBER OF CONTRACTING PARTIES WOULD PROVIDE A GOOD STARTING POINT FOR THE AD HOC GROUP TO INAUGURATE

THE BASIC PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR IMPLEMENTING AND RECONCILING REQUIREMENTS WHICH PRESENTLY ARE NOT COMPATIBLE.

4. AT THIS POINT IN TIME THE TEST CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH ECE AND U.S. SAFETY REGULATIONS, AS A

GROUP, ARE MORE CLOSELY ALIGNED THAN ARE THE ENVIRONMENTAL TEST CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS. FOR THIS REASON, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE INITIAL EFFORTS OF THE AD HOC GROUP BE LIMITED TO SAFETY REGULATIONS, AND EXCLUDE SUCH REGULATIONS AS 9, 15, AND 24. INGERSOLL

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